



Laura Tesch
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December 30, 1999

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO SHSW # 88-2065/SC

Re: Proposed Reuse of St. Croix Meadows/Hudson Dog Track Facility for Tribal Casino

Dear Ms. Tesch:

We have reviewed the information you have forwarded to our office concerning the above referenced project. Additionally, we have examined all materials available to us in our offices concerning this project and the original construction of the existing St. Croix Meadows/Hudson Dog Track. Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I offer the following comments.

You have stated that the current proposed casino does not involve ground disturbance of any kind, rather the existing, recently constructed dog track facilities will be converted from their current use to the proposed casino.

I understand that while an archeological survey previously had been requested prior to construction of the existing dog track, no such survey was undertaken. Further, at the time of the survey request (December 16, 1988), and confirmed as of this date, there were no known historic properties in or near to the proposed dog track location.

Based on the above information, this project is not likely to affect any historic properties. Despite the failure of the original applicants to conduct an archeological survey prior to construction of the original dog track, no remedial or mitigative effort is appropriate or necessary at this time.

Unless the project proposal changes significantly—such that new ground disturbing activities may be undertaken—we have no further concerns, and no additional correspondence with this office is necessary to satisfy your responsibilities under federal law. However, please understand that it is your responsibility to contact other potentially affected parties (e.g. Native American tribes, local historical societies, local units of government, any adjoining or nearby property owners, etc.) who may have information related to historic properties that may be affected by this undertaking. If any parties indicate that such historic properties exist, and such properties may be affected by this action, please notify this office with such information.

With any questions, please contact me at (608) 264-6508. Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chip Harry L. Brown III", written over a horizontal line.

Chip Harry L. Brown III, J.D.
Compliance Coordinator

cc: Richard Berg, BIA